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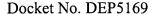
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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Sir:

In response to the advisory action of June 21, 2005, Applicants respectfully request continued examination (RCE), and reconsideration of the above-captioned patent application in view of the following remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin at page 7 of this paper.